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TAGS: CARR, GY (LAYTON, LARRY) (PEOPLES TEMPLE)
SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: LARRY LAYTON

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1. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE DEATHS OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND FOUR OTHER AMERICANS WAS CONTINUED ON DEC 27. BEFORE TESTIMONEY GEGAN, SENIOR DEFENSE COUNSEL REX MCKAY COMPLAINED TO THE COURT THAT LOCAL NEWSPAPERS NEEDED TO EXERCISE GREATER CAUTION AND DISCRETION WHEN PUBLISHING ARTICLES WRITTEN OVERSEAS ON PEOPLES TEMPLE. SOME OF THE ARTICLES THAT HAD BEEN REPRINTED IN THE GUYANESE PAPERS, HE CLAIMED, HAD "INFLAMED" LOCAL GUYANESE. THIS COULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO HIS CLIENT, BECAUSE THE JURORS WHO WILL BE SLECTED TO HEAR THE CASE IN THE HIGH COURT WILL HAVE READ THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CONTINING THESE ARTICLES.

2. THREE NEW PERSONS TESTIFIED ON THE 27TH. LT. SCOTT JOSEPH, WHO WAS IN COMMAND OF THE GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE 4-MAN DETAIL THAT WAS REPAIRING A PLANE AT THE PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP ON NOV 18, GAVE HIS ACCOUNT OF THE SHOOTING INCIDENT. (IN ESSENCE, HE SAID THAT THE INCIDENT WAS OVER BEFORE HE AND HIS MEN COULD TAKE ANY ACTION.) TWO DOCTORS WHO EXAMINED MONICA BAGBY AND REMOVED TWO BULLETS AFTER SHE WAS WOUNDED ALSO TESTIFIED. ALL THREE WERE CROSS-EXAMINED BY MCKAY. A POLICEMAN, WHO HAD EARLIER TESTIFIED ON ANOTHER MATTER, SWORE THAT HE ACCOMPANIED THE BODIES OF THE SLAIN AMERICANS FROM OGLE AIRPORT, JUST OUTSIDE GEORGETOWN, TO THE GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL MORTUARY ON NOV 19. CROSS-EXAMINATION WAS DECLINED BY THE DEFENSE.

3. INQUIRY IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME ON DEC 29. ONLY WITNESSES LEFT TO TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION ARE SEVERAL RESIDENTS FROM PORT KAITUMA WHO RENDERED ASSITANCE TO AMERICANS AFTER THE SHOOTING.
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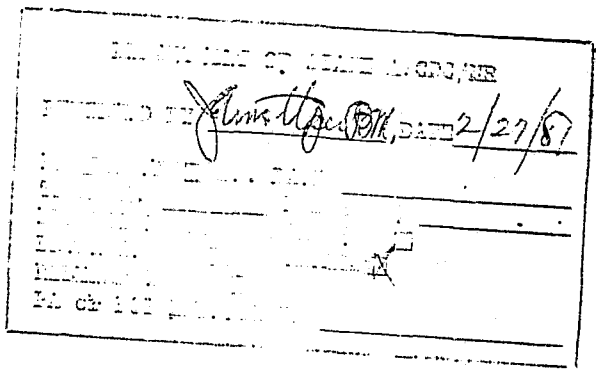

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